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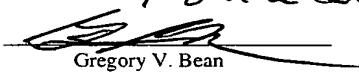
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Applicant : Antos et al
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MANUFACTURING SAME, AND OPTICAL COMPONENT
MADE THEREFROM

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Reply

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Invention I, corresponding to claims 1-19 and 37-42.

Applicant believes that a one-month extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely, and a request for such extension is submitted herewith. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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